

The manner of the Impeachment of the XII. Bishops, accused of High Treason, for preferring a Petition, and making a Protestation, to the subverting the Fundamental Lawes and Being of Parliaments.

Whereunto is added the said Petition and Remonstrance of the said Bishps.

SHe House of the Lords was pleased on the 30. of December to send a message to the House of Commons, by Sir John Bankes and Judge Reeves, to desire a present Conference by a Committee of both Houses, touching matters of dangerous and high consequence.

And at the Conference the Lord Keeper in the name of the House of Peeres delivered as followeth :

That this Petition and Protestation of the twelve Bishps, containing matters of high and dangerous consequence, and such as my Lords are very sensible of, and such as require a speedy and sudden resolution ; it extending to the deepe entrenching upon the Fundamental Priviledges and Being of Parliaments. Therefore the Lords have thought fit that this matter, concerning the whole Parliament, may be communicated to the House of Commons, it being a thing of so great and so generall concernment.

This being thus communicated to the House of Commons, they came to this Resolution, To accuse these twelve Bishps of hightre-
son, for endeavouring to subvert the Fundamental Lawes and Being of Parliaments.

And master Glynne was ordered to goe to the Lords, and at their Bar, in the name of the House of Commons, and all the Commons of England, to accuse these twelve Prelates of High Treason, for endeavouring to subvert the Fundamental Lawes of the Realme, and the ver-
y Being of Parliaments, manifested by preferring that Petition and Protestation ; and to desire the Lords that they may bee forthwith
sequestred from Parliament, and put into safe custody ; and that their Lordships would appoint a speedy day for the Commons to charge
them, and they to answer, for that the Commons were ready to make good their Charge.

He was further ordered to give the Lords thanks for communicating this Petition, with so much affection and speed, and for expres-
sing their sense thereof.

After Master Glynne had delivered this at the Bar, the Lords sent the Blacke Rod instantly to finde out these Bishps, and apprehend
them : and by 8. of the Clocke at night they were all taken and brought upon their knees to the Bar, and tenne of them committed to the
Tower ; and two (in regard of their age, and indeed of the worthy parts of one of them, the learned Bishop of Durham) were committed
to the Blacke Rod.

To the Kings most excellent Majesty, and the Lords and Peeres now assembled in Parliament.

*The humble Petition and Protestation of all the Bishps and Prelates now called by his Majesties Writs to attend the Parli-
ment, and present about London and Westminster for that service.*

THAT whereas the Petitioners are called up by severall and respective Writs, and under great penalties, to
attend in Parliament, and have a cleare and undubitate Right to vote in Bills, and other matters whatso-
ever debateable in Parliament, by the ancient Customes, Laws and Statutes of this Realme, and ought to
be protected by your Majesty, quietly to attend and prosecute that great Service.

They humbly remonstrate and protest before God, your Majesty, and the Noble Lords and Peers now
assembled in Parliament, That they have an indubitate Right to sit and vote in the House of the Lords, so are they, if
they may be protected from force and violence, most ready and willing to performe their duties accordingly. And that
they doe abhominare all actions or opinions tending to Popery, and the maintenance thereof ; as also, all prepon-
sion and inclination to any malignant party, or any other side or party whatsoever, to the which their owne reasons
and conscience shall not move them to adhere.

But whereas they have beeene at severall times violently menaced, affronted and assaulted by multitudes of people in
their comming to performe their Services in that honourable House, and lately chased away and put in danger of their
lives, and can finde no redresse or protection, upon sundry complaints made to both Houses in these particulars.

They likewise humbly protest before your Majesty, and the noble House of Peers, that saving unto themselves all
their Rights and Interests of sitting and voting in that Houle at other times, they dare not sit or vote in the House of
Peers untill your Majesty shall further secure them from all affronts, indignities and dangers in the premisses.

Lastly, whereas their feares are not built upon phantasies and conceits, but upon such grounds and objets, as may
well terrifie men of good resolutions, and much constancy. They doe in all duty and humility, protest before your
Majesty, and the Peeres of that most Honourable Houle of Parliament, against all Lawes, Orders, Votes, Resolutions,
and Determinations, as in themselves Nul, and of none effect ; which in their absence, since the 27. of this instant month
of December, 1641. have already passed ; as likewise against all such as shall hereafter passe in that most Honourable
House, during the time of this their forced and violent absence from the laid most Honourable House ; not denying, but
if their absenting of themselves were wilfull and voluntary, that most Honourable House might proceed in all these pre-
misses, their absence, or this their Protestation notwithstanding:

And humbly beseeching your most Excellent Majesty to command the Clerke of that House of Peeres, to enter this
their Petition and Protestation among his Records.

They will ever pray to God to blesse and preserve, &c.

Io. Eborac.
Thomas, Duresme.
Robt Co. Lich.
Ios. Norwich.
Io. Asaphen.
Guil Ba. & V Vells.



Geo. Hereford.
Rob. Oxon.
Ma. Ely.
Godfr. Glouc.
Io Peterburg.
Mor. Llandaff.

*J. B.
George Glanville.*